

In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) A sterile ciclesonide-containing aqueous suspension comprising hydroxypropylmethylcellulose 2910, sterilized by autoclaving a ciclesonide-containing aqueous suspension, wherein the concentration of ciclesonide after autoclaving is 95% or more compared to that before autoclaving.

2. – 3. (Canceled)

4. (Withdrawn, currently amended) A method of manufacturing **[[a]]** the sterile ciclesonide-containing ~~sterile~~ aqueous suspension according to claim 1, comprising the step of sterilization by autoclaving **[[a]]** the ciclesonide-containing aqueous suspension.

5. (Withdrawn) The method of manufacturing a ciclesonide-containing sterile aqueous suspension according to claim 4, wherein the concentration of ciclesonide after autoclaving is 95% or more compared to that before autoclaving.

6. – 9. (Canceled)